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SUBJ: UNGA SPECIAL SESSION: GROMYKO ADDRESS

1. MAIN PURPOSE OF GROMYKO'S SPEECH AT UNGA APRIL 11
(FULL TEXT SENT TO IO) APPEARED TO BE TO KEEP THE LDC'S
OFF THE SOVIET BACK, TO CONVINCE THEM USSR HAS THEIR
INTERESTS AT HEART AND REMIND THEM THAT THEIR REAL
ADVERSARY IS WESTERN MONOPOLY CAPITAL. THIS WAS TRANSPARENT
IN HIS APPEAL AT THE OUTSET THAT SUBJECT MATTER OF SPECIAL
SESSION BE VIEWED THROUGH THE PRISM OF POLITICS AND THAT POLITICAL
APPROACHES
TO THE PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD BE
SOUGHT. OR AS HE PUT IT EXPLICITLY LATER, THE SOVS WILL
NEVER ACCEPT THE FALSE CONCEPT OF DIVIDING THE WORLD INTO
POOR AND RICH COUNTRIES WHICH PUTS THE SOCIALIST STATES
ON THE SAME FOOTING WITH THE WEST.

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2. GROMYKO WALKED A THIN LINE DEALING WITH THE ENERGY

CRISIS, POINTING OUT FIRST OF ALL THAT THE SOCIALIST CAMP HAS NO ENERGY CRISIS SINCE ITS PLANS RATIONALLY, AND SECONDLY THAT THE OIL SITUATION "IN THE WEST" CAN BE TRACED TO THE PLUNDERING OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES & TO ISRAELI SEIZURE OF ARAB LANDS WHICH LED TO THE DEFENSE BY THE ARABS OF THEIR LEGITIMATE ECONOMIC INTERESTS AND TERRITORIAL RIGHTS. THE SOVIET UNION IS "NOT IN FAVOR OF AN EMBARGO ON OIL AND OIL PRODUCTS FOR THE SAKE OF AN EMBARGO AS SUCH", HE SAID, URGING THE PARTICIPATION OF A WIDE RANGE OF STATES IN OPEN-DOOR DISCUSSIONS OF THE OIL PROBLEM TO SAFEGUARD BOTH PRODUCER AND CONSUMER INTERESTS. THE USSR IS READY TO TAKE PART IN BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL DISCUSSIONS TO HELP SOLVE THE ENERGY PROBLEM. GROMYKO SAID SOVS SUPPORT THE FURTHER LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN OIL COMPANIES, WHO ARE MOSTLY TO BLAME FOR THE CRISIS.

3. GROMYKO'S ADDRESS WAS LARDED WITH MANY REFERENCES TO SOVIET SPONSORED DETENTE AND TO PROGRESS IN PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE, WHICH HE SAID FACILITATE THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS WITH WHICH THE SPECIAL SESSION IS GRAPPLYING. HE SPOKE OF TRADITIONAL SOVIET ABHORRENCE FOR UNEQUAL AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS AND TREATIES, DEVOTION TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES, AND THE INADMISSIBILITY OF THE ACQUISITION OF TERRITORY BY FORCE. MORED NEEDS TO BE DONE, HE SAID, TO MAKE DETENTE IRREVERSIBLE, E.G. A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN INDOCHINA HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETE, THE MAIN TASK IN THE MIDDLE EAST--LIBERATION OF THE ARAB LANDS--HAS NOT YET BEEN FULFILLED, AND A LOT OF WORK IS STILL AHEAD IN THE FIELD OF EUROPEAN SECURITY.

4. GROMUKO MADE A BRIEF ALMOST PRO FORMA REFERENCE TO THE ROB PROPOSAL AS AN EXAMPLE OF A DETENTE MEASURE, REMINDING THAT IT COULD BRING 1.5 BILLION DOLLARS IN AID TO LDC'S. HE SAID SOVS "WOULD LIKE TO HOPE" THE RESOLUTION WILL BE PUT INTO PRACTICE.

5. NEAR END GROMYKO BRIEFLY ATTACKED CHINA WITHOUT CALLING IT BY NAME, IN A PRESUMED RESPONSE TO TENG'S SPEECH OF THE PRECEDING DAY. HE SAID "INSINUATIONS ABOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"SUPERPOWERS" AND SLANDEROUS ANTI-SOVIET INVENTIONS WILL NOT COVER UP ACTIONS WHICH RUN COUNTER TO THE INTERESTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION.
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